

B. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on Applicant's specification page 7, line 1 and ending on page 7, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Each anchoring device 36, in this embodiment, may include a housing portion 50 (a trench in this embodiment) that houses an anchor member 52 and an elastic member 54, such as a spring, wherein the anchor member is attached to the elastic member. In this embodiment, the anchor member is an elongated rectangular shaped member anchored at one end so that as it is released from the housing portion, it anchors itself into the target region (See Figure 5b). The other end of the elastic member is attached to the body portion so that the elastic member urges the anchor member ~~[[42]]~~ 52 outwards away from the body portion when the anchor member is released. Thus, as shown in Figure 5b, once the fiducial apparatus 30 exits the delivery mechanism, such as the needle of the syringe, so that the elastic member is no longer constrained, the anchor members 52 pop out from the body portion and embed themselves into the target region so that the fiducial apparatus does not move/change position or migrate. Figure 5a illustrates the anchor members in a stored position while Figures 5b - 5d illustrate the anchor members in an anchoring state. Thus, the fiducial apparatus is anchored into its spot such that the accuracy of the location of the fiducial apparatus in the target region does not change over time as happens with typical unanchored fiducial apparatus. Now, another embodiment of the fiducial apparatus will be described.